



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

July 2021

City of South Bend



**CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated." - Maya Angelou



9 neighborhoods held meetings in July!

	Future	Past
Far Northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working on finalizing contract with Capstone for development project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Property development working group met with local minority contractorsRepresented at the Neighborhoods Consortium
Kennedy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applying for 3 service catalog servicesPlanning a back-to-school event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represented at the Neighborhoods ConsortiumStarted holding meetings in person
Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 topics they wish to discuss internally and with city personnelApplying for printing & canvassing services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represented at the Neighborhoods ConsortiumPlanning more events post-pandemic
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applying for printing & canvassing services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upset that AmeriCorps is not being renewedRepresented at the Neighborhoods Consortium
Near West Side	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using Neighborhoods Consortium grant for a back-to-school event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First in-person meeting since Feb.Chris attended meeting to discuss Neighborhood Plan100+ surveys for Neighborhood PlanRepresented at the Neighborhoods Consortium
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to hold Conversation Circles on Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held "Christmas in July," a lead outreach event, on the 30thChildren's gardening group every week at the Sherman Ave Community GardenRepresented at the Neighborhoods Consortium
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wants a new Neighborhood PlanMount Carmel Church back-to-school event in August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Represented at the Neighborhoods ConsortiumNaxosOD presented on opioid overdose help

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Neighborhoods Consortium

On July 7th, the Neighborhoods Consortium met in the TRC and had their 2nd quarterly meeting. With 45 people in attendance, the conversation gravitated toward street lights and how to request city services. A follow up email has been sent out with useful links and resources relevant to the conversation on July 7th.

The next meeting will be held on October 6th.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Citywide Classroom

Students who are enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in and fill out the application over the phone.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org, call or text 574-703-188, or email info@citywideclassroomsb.org

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from CoSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and live stream in-person meetings.

To apply, visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BsvdvkEG>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance

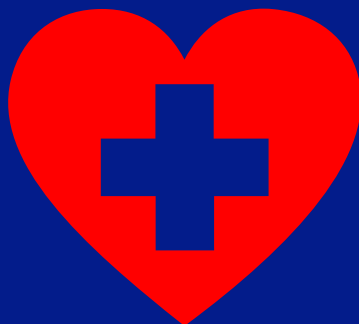


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>, where you can find local assistance programs and contact information. If you have any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Where and How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available to all Hoosiers over the age of 12. Please get vaccinated! Vaccination not only protects you from severe COVID-19 but also protects the vulnerable around you.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find a vaccine clinic below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

St. Joseph County's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is designed to decrease evictions, increase housing stability, and prevent homelessness by helping tenants whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 with rent and utility payments.

ERA can provide eligible tenants with up to twelve (12) months of rental assistance. Utility assistance may also be provided to qualifying applicants for past due utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash) and home energy (fuel oil, wood, coal, pellets, and propane) expenses.

Link to ERA application:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant-spanish>

Link to ERA application for landlords:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-landlord-entry>

Questions?

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What's Happening in South Bend?

The Linden Ave Pop-Up Markets

On the first Sundays of the months of August, September, and October, there will be a Pop-Up Farmer's Market at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center from 1pm-5pm.

There will be local produce providers, farmers, and food vendors in attendance. Additionally, the St. Joe County Department of Health and other informational booths will be present.



Now is the best time to consider putting solar on your home or business, while net metering is still available and the federal tax credit has been extended.

Interested in learning more? Go to a session in Howard Park Community Center August 31st or September 15th at 6:30pm. Or visit the site below:

solarunitedneighbors.org/NorthernIndiana

"It's a great time to go solar!"

- Free, vendor-neutral guidance from nonprofit solar experts
- Access to a discounted group rate on your system installation
- A team that solicits and reviews proposals with you
- Cost savings, energy freedom, and cleaner air and water!

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